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WORLD MEAT CONSUMPTION

Per capita consumption of all red meats continued to rise through 1966. Supplies were up 4 percent, which exceeded the 1.8 percent increase in world population, indicating a net gain of slightly over 2 percent in per capita consumption. More beef, veal, mutton and lamb was consumed while the per capita consumption of the other red meats approximated those of 1965.

Since 1960, per capita consumption of beef and veal in the 41 major producing and consuming countries increased about 15 percent; pork was up almost 5 percent and other kinds of red meats combined declined about 11 percent. The per capita consumption of beef and veal during 1966 represented about 53 percent of all red meats consumed, compared with 50 percent in the early 1960's. Pork dropped to 39 percent from slightly over 40 percent with the other red meats (lamb, mutton, goat, and horse) accounting for remaining decline.

The world's largest per capita consumer of all red meats in 1966 was New Zealand with 229 pounds. This country surpassed the historical leader, Uruguay, which dropped to 224 pounds from 259 pounds in 1965. The third largest per capita consumer was Argentina with 207 pounds, followed by Australia with 198 pounds and the United States with 171 pounds.

Argentina showed the world's largest increase in per capita consumption--up 28 pounds. Consumption rates in most Western European countries continued upward, except for the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Sweden, and Norway. Other countries showing gains included the United States, Japan, USSR, Hungary, and Bulgaria. Countries showing declines from 1965 included Uruguay with a drop of 35 pounds per person, 9 pounds in Australia, 8 pounds in Czechoslovakia, and 7 pounds in New Zealand. Reduced slaughter of both cattle and sheep caused the decline in Uruguay. Herd rebuilding reduced beef slaughter in Australia while larger exports of both beef, mutton and lamb for New Zealand reduced domestic supplies available for domestic consumption.

Beef and veal. Per capita consumption of beef and veal in the 41 principal producing and consuming countries in the world was up slightly over 4 percent. The larger supplies did suppress prices in a number of countries which helped to spur consumption.

Argentina recaptured the lead from Uruguay during 1966 as the world's largest consumer of beef and veal. The per capita consumption in Argentina rose to 175 pounds, followed by Uruguay with 153 pounds, the United States with 109, New Zealand with 106, Paraguay with 104, Canada with 90, and Australia with 87.

Most countries in the world recorded gains in per capita consumption, except Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Paraguay and Colombia. Herd rebuilding reduced slaughtering in Australia; the larger export shipments reduced domestic supplies for consumption in New Zealand; whereas, the reduced availabilities for slaughter caused beef supplies to decline in Uruguay, Colombia, and Brazil.

Pork. Per capita pork consumption showed no significant change from 1965. However, the change in the per capita consumption rate has increased about 1-1/2 pounds since 1960 in contrast with 6 pounds for beef and veal. Pork consumption has not responded to changes in incomes to the extent that beef has in the major consuming areas.

Austria retained its position as the world's largest per capita consumer of pork with 77 pounds. Denmark was second with 74 pounds followed by West Germany (73), France (66), Hungary (65), Switzerland (63), the United Kingdom (62), the Netherlands (61) and Czechoslovakia (60).

Countries showing gains in excess of 3 pounds per capita last year included the Netherlands, Japan, and Spain with the latter country increasing 6 pounds. Likewise, countries showing drops of 3 pounds or more included Sweden, Yugoslavia, New Zealand, and Czechoslovakia. The latter country recorded the largest drop of 7 pounds.

Per capita consumption of pork in the United States continued downward and amounted to only 58 pounds, the lowest in nearly 3 decades. This was due to the sharp reduction in domestic supplies. Consumption in Canada continued downward for the second consecutive year and amounted to 48 pounds per person.

Lamb, mutton and goat. Per capita consumption turned upward during 1966 after showing a steady downward trend. The small net gain is attributed to the 8.2 percent increase in supplies resulting from larger domestic slaughter in Australia, Argentina, the United Kingdom, and the Republic of South Africa. However, the rate of per capita consumption has declined since 1960.

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Beef and veal 1/: Estimated per capita consumption in specified countries,
average 1956-60, annual 1962-66

Continent and country	Average 1956-60 Pounds	1962 Pounds	1963 Pounds	1964 Pounds	1965 Pounds	1966 Pounds
North America:						
Canada <u>2/</u>	77	76	80	85	90	90
United States <u>2/ 3/</u>	91	94	99	105	105	109
Mexico.....	26	26	25	25	25	25
South America:						
Argentina.....	189	189	190	144	147	175
Brazil.....	45	39	39	39	39	37
Chile.....	43	42	37	38	37	37
Colombia.....	47	49	47	47	46	42
Paraguay.....	110	114	110	103	106	104
Peru.....	16	19	21	19	19	18
Uruguay.....	181	160	186	179	198	153
Venezuela.....	32	39	40	41	41	48
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	49	54	57	54	52	55
France.....	65	71	72	71	73	74
Germany, West.....	39	49	50	49	48	49
Italy.....	26	35	39	37	35	41
Netherlands.....	40	46	49	42	43	44
EEC.....	44	51	53	51	51	54
Austria.....	40	45	44	43	41	43
Denmark.....	42	38	30	36	36	44
Finland.....	35	40	43	47	45	44
Greece.....	8	17	22	22	23	25
Ireland.....	28	29	31	33	33	37
Norway.....	31	33	33	35	34	36
Portugal.....	11	15	15	14	17	18
Spain.....	12	15	18	17	17	20
Sweden.....	41	46	43	43	40	44
Switzerland.....	45	55	50	52	51	50
United Kingdom.....	60	59	60	56	51	52
Eastern						
Bulgaria.....	19	20	22	21	26	26
Czechoslovakia.....	31	42	41	38	35	34
Germany, East.....	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Hungary.....	18	23	24	22	20	21
Poland.....	23	25	30	31	27	27
Yugoslavia.....	14	17	15	12	12	14
U.S.S.R.	26	28	29	30	34	36
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of.....	55	53	60	55	56	54
Asia:						
Japan.....	3	4	4	5	5	4
Philippines.....	8	7	6	7	6	7
Oceania:						
Australia <u>5/</u>	125	95	103	108	101	87
New Zealand <u>6/</u>	105	104	104	104	109	106

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Civilian consumption; includes changes in stocks. 3/ Alaska and Hawaii included beginning 1960. 4/ Included in total meat consumption. 5/ Year ending June 30. 6/ Year ending September 30.

Pork 1/: Estimated per capita consumption in specified countries,
average 1956-60, annual 1962-66

Continent and country	Average 1956-60 Pounds	1962 Pounds	1963 Pounds	1964 Pounds	1965 Pounds	1966 Pounds
North America:						
Canada <u>2</u> /.....	51	50	51	52	49	48
United States <u>2</u> / <u>3</u> /.....	64	64	65	65	59	58
Mexico.....	13	12	12	11	12	12
South America:						
Argentina.....	18	16	15	14	20	20
Brazil.....	16	18	17	16	16	16
Chile.....	8	7	7	6	6	7
Colombia.....	8	7	6	7	6	6
Paraguay.....	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	27	27
Peru.....	8	9	10	10	9	9
Uruguay.....	18	21	21	20	18	18
Venezuela.....	10	10	10	10	9	8
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	48	52	53	49	57	57
France.....	48	62	60	62	66	66
Germany, West.....	64	72	70	72	75	73
Italy.....	20	18	17	20	19	19
Netherlands.....	47	53	50	54	57	61
EEC.....	44	51	50	52	54	54
Austria.....	65	75	75	77	79	77
Denmark.....	83	74	75	76	76	74
Finland.....	<u>4</u> /	32	32	32	32	34
Greece.....	7	11	11	12	10	12
Ireland.....	48	49	49	53	59	57
Norway.....	34	34	34	33	34	37
Portugal.....	24	21	22	22	22	21
Spain.....	18	19	23	24	20	26
Sweden.....	57	56	55	59	59	54
Switzerland.....	54	56	59	62	63	63
United Kingdom.....	43	59	64	61	65	62
Eastern						
Bulgaria.....	25	30	27	31	38	39
Czechoslovakia.....	59	55	57	62	67	60
Germany, East.....	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /
Hungary.....	52	58	58	61	62	65
Poland.....	55	52	49	47	56	55
Yugoslavia.....	23	21	22	25	31	26
U.S.S.R.	26	30	31	20	30	32
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of.....	7	6	7	6	6	7
Asia:						
Japan.....	4	8	7	7	9	13
Philippines.....	17	18	18	18	20	21
Oceania:						
Australia <u>5</u> /.....	20	25	24	23	24	26
New Zealand <u>6</u> /.....	32	33	33	35	36	31

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Civilian consumption; includes changes in stocks. 3/ Alaska and Hawaii included beginning 1960. 4/ Included in total consumption. 5/ Year ending June 30. 6/ Year ending September 30.

Mutton, lamb and goat meat 1/: Estimated per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1956-60, annual 1962-66

Continent and country	Average 1956-60 Pounds	1962 Pounds	1963 Pounds	1964 Pounds	1965 Pounds	1966 Pounds
North America:						
Canada <u>2/</u>	2	4	4	3	3	4
United States <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	4	5	5	4	4	4
Mexico.....	3	3	3	3	3	3
South America:						
Argentina.....	14	13	12	12	12	12
Brazil.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chile.....	8	7	7	7	8	8
Colombia.....	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Paraguay.....	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Peru.....	8	8	8	7	8	8
Uruguay.....	43	38	37	37	43	53
Venezuela.....	1	<u>4/</u>	1	1	1	1
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
France.....	6	7	6	6	7	7
Germany, West.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Italy.....	2	2	2	2	2	2
Netherlands.....	1	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	1	1
EEC.....	3	3	3	2	3	3
Austria.....	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Denmark.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Finland.....	<u>5/</u>	1	1	1	1	1
Greece.....	21	25	28	28	32	32
Ireland.....	20	25	25	24	23	23
Norway.....	9	10	9	9	10	10
Portugal.....	5	5	5	5	6	6
Spain.....	7	8	9	9	9	9
Sweden.....	<u>4/</u>	1	1	<u>4/</u>	1	1
Switzerland.....	1	2	2	2	2	2
United Kingdom.....	24	24	25	25	24	24
Eastern						
Bulgaria.....	14	17	17	20	22	23
Czechoslovakia.....	1	1	1	1	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Germany, East.....	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>
Hungary.....	1	2	2	2	2	2
Poland.....	2	2	2	1	1	1
Yugoslavia.....	6	6	5	4	4	5
U.S.S.R.	8	9	9	9	8	8
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of.....	16	17	19	18	16	16
Asia:						
Japan.....	<u>4/</u>	1	1	2	1	2
Philippines.....	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Oceania:						
Australia <u>6/</u>	84	96	90	88	84	85
New Zealand <u>7/</u>	83	96	95	93	91	92

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Civilian consumption; includes change in stocks. 3/ Alaska and Hawaii included beginning 1960. 4/ Less than 0.5 pound. 5/ Included in total consumption. 6/ Year ending June 30. 7/ Year ending September 30.

Horse meat 1/: Estimated per capita consumption in specified countries,
average 1956-60, annual 1962-66

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
United States.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mexico.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
South America:						
Argentina.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Brazil.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chile.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Colombia.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Paraguay.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peru.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Uruguay.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Venezuela.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	6	7	7	7	8	7
France.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Germany, West.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Italy.....	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	2	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Netherlands.....	3	3	3	4	5	3
EEC.....	3	3	3	3	3	2
Austria.....	2	2	2	2	1	1
Denmark.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Finland.....	<u>3/</u>	2	2	2	3	3
Greece.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ireland.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Norway.....	1	1	2	2	2	2
Portugal.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spain.....	1	1	1	1	2	1
Sweden.....	4	4	3	3	3	3
Switzerland.....	2	2	2	2	2	1
United Kingdom.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern						
Bulgaria.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Czechoslovakia.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Germany, East.....	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Hungary.....	2	1	1	1	1	1
Poland.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yugoslavia.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
U.S.S.R.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Asia:						
Japan.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philippines.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Oceania:						
Australia.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Zealand.....	---	---	---	---	---	---

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Less than 0.5 pound. 3/ Included in total consumption.

Total meat 1/: Estimated per capita consumption in specified countries,
average 1956-60, annual 1962-66

Continent and country	Average 1956-60 Pounds	1962 Pounds	1963 Pounds	1964 Pounds	1965 Pounds	1966 Pounds
North America:						
Canada <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	136	135	140	146	148	148
United States <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	159	163	169	175	167	171
Mexico.....	42	41	40	39	40	40
South America:						
Argentina.....	221	218	217	170	179	207
Brazil.....	64	58	57	56	56	54
Chile.....	59	56	51	51	51	52
Colombia.....	55	56	53	54	52	48
Paraguay.....	139	142	138	136	135	133
Peru.....	32	36	39	36	36	35
Uruguay.....	242	219	244	236	259	224
Venezuela.....	43	49	51	52	51	57
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	104	114	118	112	118	120
France.....	124	145	143	144	151	152
Germany, West.....	104	122	121	122	124	123
Italy.....	50	57	60	61	58	64
Netherlands.....	91	102	102	100	106	109
EEC.....	94	107	108	108	110	113
Austria.....	108	122	121	122	121	121
Denmark.....	127	114	107	114	114	120
Finland.....	69	75	78	82	81	82
Greece.....	36	53	61	62	65	69
Ireland.....	96	102	105	110	115	117
Norway.....	75	78	78	79	80	85
Portugal.....	41	42	43	42	46	46
Spain.....	38	43	51	51	48	56
Sweden.....	102	107	102	105	103	102
Switzerland.....	102	115	113	118	118	116
United Kingdom.....	127	144	149	142	140	138
Eastern						
Bulgaria.....	58	67	66	72	86	88
Czechoslovakia.....	91	98	100	101	102	94
Germany, East.....	73	95	97	81	85	80
Hungary.....	73	84	85	86	85	89
Poland.....	81	80	82	80	85	84
Yugoslavia.....	43	44	42	41	47	45
U.S.S.R.	60	67	69	59	72	76
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of.....	78	76	76	79	78	77
Asia:						
Japan.....	8	14	13	15	16	20
Philippines.....	25	25	24	25	26	28
Oceania:						
Australia <u>5/</u>	229	216	217	219	209	198
New Zealand <u>6/</u>	222	233	232	232	236	229

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Civilian consumption; includes change in stocks. 3/ Includes canned meat.
4/ Includes Alaska and Hawaii beginning 1960. 5/ Year ending June 30. 6/ Year ending September 30.

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The per capita consumption rates for individual countries in the world range from less than one-half pound to almost 100 pounds. New Zealand and Australia are the two leading consumers with 92 and 85 pounds, respectively. The next highest country was Uruguay with 53 pounds, followed by Greece with 32, the United Kingdom with 24, and 23 each in Ireland and Bulgaria. Per capita consumption in the United States has shown no trend during the past 15 years and still averages about 4 pounds annually.

Horse. Horse meat is principally consumed in Europe. Annual per capita consumption rates vary from less than one half pound to almost 10 pounds per person. Belgium-Luxembourg and France are the two leading consumers with 7 and 5 pounds per person, respectively. Other countries consuming at least 2 pounds per person include Italy, the Netherlands, Finland, Norway, and Sweden.